Haridaspur-Paradip Broad gauge line

*511. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited expression of interest in the 82 kms. Haridaspur-Paradip broad gauge rail link in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to expedite completion of other on-going projects in the State to meet the increased freight and passenger traffic demand as a result of industrialization of the State?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Expression of interest for Haridaspur-Paradip new rail project was invited and a total of six offers were received which are under examination by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).

(c) A number of initiatives have been taken for expediting the progress of the projects. RVNL has been entrusted with 3 New Line, 4 Doubling and 2 Railway Electrification projects for fast track execution by the railways through the provision of higher allocation in the year 2006-07.

Underbridges at important railway crossings

†*512. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lakhs of people are forced to waste their time, petrol and diesel due to closure of barriers of railway crossings at several places throughout the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to have special provision in the budget for construction of under bridges at important railway crossings to check

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.